TOWN OF OLD LYME

HALLS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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Meeting Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall meeting room 52 Lyme St, Old Lyme CT 06371

1. Call to Order – 6:55PM

Attendees: Edie Twining, Mike Reiter, Ray Thompson, Howard Margules (Ask Edie for full attendee list)

2. Note: no minutes for 3/9 meeting as 2 people attended. No Quorum

3. Report on kick off meeting with AI Engineering for Lieutenant River Bridge and Trail design work

Met with AI last week, (Ray Gradwell, Ajit Gokhale, Tom Tavella and Pete Iffland) From Old Lyme: Edie Twining and advisors Howard Margules, George Finley from Harbor Management, John Lathrop (Old Lyme Land Trust, also civil engineering background) were present. Main challenge will be designing an affordable bridge that also feels like it belongs in Old Lyme. At their initial RFP presentation they showed some options that looks rather industrial.

AI says they are excited to be working on something more creative than their usual industrial customers, acknowledging we are an artistic town. We showed them all our responses from the open house on what people in this town want. AI will be coming up with three options for us to review.

4. HROD proposal reapplication plans

Edie talked to Paul Orzel and Eric Knapp to see if we can reapply sooner than in 12 months and the answer was yes. Tim Griswold heard the main issue was the negative feedback from Planning. Tim supports resubmitting the HROD this year. We will go back for an informal discussion with Planning Commission and then with the Zoning Commission. Based on discussions the HROD will be amended. Atty. Bill Sweeney will assist with addressing final language of the document.

Ray moves that we revise the application to Zoning and then reapply. Howard seconds, all in favor, with no dissents.

5. Other business - appointments for HRIC chair, secretary, new member Jane Ungemack approved.

Committee discusses that we need to update our information on the town website. What else can we do to get people's attention?

6. Adjournment

Howard motions to adjourn at 7:24PM, second by Ray, all in favor with no dissents.

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